

(c) if so, whether prosecution has since been launched against those persons whose sanctions were pending with Government as on 1st December, 2006 and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI):

(a) As on 1.12.2006, sanction for prosecution under Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, has been sought by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in respect of 8 senior Government officers..

(b) Requests for accord of sanction for prosecution are required to be decided as per the provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and the law laid down by the Supreme Court.

(c) As on 15.02.2007, sanction for prosecution under section 19(1) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 has since been accorded in respect of two officers.

Central assistance for Municipalities in Maharashtra

394. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the Central Government guidelines, the State Level Sanction Committee of Maharashtra has sanctioned Latur Municipality's 8 DPRs and proposal was submitted to the Central Government on the 2nd February, 2006;

(b) whether the sanctioning Committee of the State in its second meeting held on 28th September, 2006 has sanctioned 15 projects amounting to Rs. 264.615 crore for Kolhapur, Sanghli-Miraj, Kupward, Shirdi, Islampur, Pusad and various others;

(c) whether the Central assistance of the above two Municipalities and 11 Municipal Council are still awaited from the Central Government; and

(d) if so, by when a final decision would be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKAN): (a) State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) of Maharashtra in its meeting held on 8th June, 2006

recommended 6 projects on various components of Latur Municipality with an approved cost of Rs. 108.57 crore. Ministry of Urban Development recommended to Ministry of Finance for release of 1st instalment of Additional Central Assistance (ACA) amounting to Rs. 43.43 crore against these 6 projects on 18.8.2006 which has been released by Ministry of Finance to the State Government of Maharashtra.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. SLSC of Maharashtra in its 2nd meeting held on 28th September, 2006 recommended 15 projects of approximate cost of Rs. 264.615 crore in 13 towns. Ministry of Urban Development, keeping in view the available balance out of the allocated fund under the Scheme to the Government of Maharashtra, recommended 12 projects of 11 towns involving approximate cost and 1st instalment of ACA of Rs. 134.62 crore and Rs. 55.87 crore respectively on 18.1.2007. Ministry of Finance has released 1st instalment of ACA amounting to Rs. 45.36 crore against projects of these 11 towns/cities to the State Government of Maharashtra on 13.2.2007.

Projects for Mumbai

395. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have cleared projects worth Rs. 1200 crore for Mumbai;

(b) if so, whether Centre under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) has sanctioned 12 projects for Mumbai worth Rs. 2800 crores;

(c) if so, whether three other major projects costing around Rs. 4000 crore are still under the consideration of the Union Government; and

(d) if so, by when these projects would be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKAN): (a) to (d) So far 7 projects at the cost of Rs. 1159.40 crore have been approved under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM). Two projects costing Rs. 2035.79 crore are under consideration.